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SUBJ: METALWORKING AND FINISHING EQUIPMENT MARKET IN THE
PHILIPPINES

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1. MARIJAN KNEZ OF ALLISON CHUCK PRODUCTS, A MEMBER OF THE
DECEMBER 1976 METALWORKING TRADE MISSION, RECENTLY
RETURNED TO MANILA TO FOLLOW UP SALES LEADS DEVELOPED
DURING THE MISSION.

2. HIS ANALYSIS OF THIS MARKET FOR MACHINE TOOLS, AFTER
HIS MISSION EXPOSURE AND EXTENSIVE INDUSTRY CONTACTS
MADE ON THE FOLLOW-UP TRIP, IS THAT THE PHILIPPINE
MARKET IS NOT YET READY FOR NUMERICALLY CONTROLLED MACHINES.

3. HOWEVER, MR. KNEZ FEELS STRONGLY THAT THERE IS A GOOD
MARKET FOR LESS SOPHISTICATED TOOLS. SPECIFICALLY, HE
CITED THE FOLLOWING AS HAVING GOOD SALES POTENTIAL:

-MACHINE TOOLING AND ACCESSORIES

-CONVENTIONAL LATHES WITH TRACING ATTACHMENTS

-MILLING MACHINES WITH 3-D TRADING ATTACHMENTS

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-PRODUCTION TYPE DRILL PRESSES

-SURFACE GRINDERS, EXTERNAL/INTERNAL

-CRANK SHAFT GRINDERS

-METAL SPRAYING/METALIZING EQUIPMENT

THESE EQUIPMENT SHOULD BE IN THE \$5,000-\$20,000
PRICE RANGE.

4. MR. KNEZ STRESSES ALSO THAT THERE ARE MANY U.S.
MANUFACTURERS OF THESE EQUIPMENTS WHO COULD COMPETE
SUCCESSFULLY HERE AGAINST THE EUROPEANS, JAPANESE,
INDIANS, TAIWANESE, AND CHINESE. HE MENTIONED AS
EXAMPLES: HIS OWN FIRM, SHELDON, SOUTHBEND, BROWNE-
SHARPE, CINCINNATI, SUNSTRAND, LOGAN, EX-CELL-O, AND
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